# Thrilling Baseball Poem Closes in a Stalemate

Minions of Uncle Robbie and His Former Chief Adviser Grapple 4 Hours—Score Is Tied Twice, in Ninth and Nineteenth, and Ends in a Tie

PHILADELPHIA, April 30 .- In a baseball poem of twenty stanzas he Phillies and Dodgers to-day fought to the most dramaic stalemate seen on local grass in history. They struggled, tugged and grappled for exactly four hours, without reaching a decision. The evening was graying into darkness when the Phillies were batting in the twentieth inning, and when Bancroft's strikeout provided the third out, Umpire Klem turned to the grandstand and announced that the most remarkable basebattle seen in Philadelphia in years had been called off.

A Real Thriller!

Squire Ebbets Host To Boston Braves

In Flatbush To-day

Each side was in possession of nine runs when the arbiter was forced to intervene, because it was getting too dark for the players to see the ball.

Yet it seemed a slovenly encounter in the first three innings, with both sides batting freely and prospects of immediate withdrawal of the pitchers who started the game. These pitchers were Joseph Oeschger, of the Phils, and Burleigh Grimes, of Brooklyn, and once they righted themselves they followed with a duel of commendable curving and high pressure effort that stamped both as athletes with uncommon efficiency and courage.

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The hard fight really commenced in the ninth inning, when errors by Bancroft and Pearce gave Brooklyn the knotting run. Then what turned out to be a fresh contest started. The battle plunged into extra innings.

There was a break in the nineteenth. The high tension started to tell and Brooklyn drove home three runs. These runs were tainted. With two runners on base and two out, Outfielder Henry Myers drove a liner to left. Whitted misgauged the flight of the ball. Too late did he backpedal into left field territory. The hall flew over his head and struck the turf. A sharp bound carried it into the bleachers and Myers had a home run and Brooklyn three tallies to the good.

Pinch hitters figured in the nine-teenth inning counter attack that staved off defeat just in the nick of time. With Brooklyn in front by three runs, Cy Williams opened the home part of the nineteenth with a fly to right that Griffith dropped. Bancroft forced Cy, but Luderus prodded a single to right.

Whitted also cut loose with a single, and Bancroft ran home. Grimes threw

JERE are the two managers of the two local National The League baseball clubs and the two pitchers who will probably do the box work for their respective teams when the season opens to-day in the New York ball parks. McGraw

comes home with a record of three games won and two lost, while the Robins open at Ebbets Field with four won and one lost after a thrilling twenty-inning tie game at Philadelphia



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# "Gob" Shawkey Saves Day For the Wabbly Yankees

Veteran Pitcher Goes to the Rescue of Southpaw Herb Thormahlen, Who Falters in the Sixth Inning and Frustrates Hopes of Connie Mack

By W. J. Macbeth

Bob Shawkey, veteran pitcher of the Yankees, who learned the value of being prepared for every call of duty while as chief yeoman on the U. S. S. Arkansas he ploughed the North Sea with Squadron 7 of the Allied blockading fleet, assisted greatly in a day of festivity by way of farewell to Connie Mack and his obstreperous young Athletics at the Polo Grounds yesterday afternoon. Mr. Shawkey, rushed to the rescue of a pitcher in distress for the second time in as many consecutive afternoons, eld safe a favorable lead and repulsed the Quaker City entry of the American League by a final score of 5 to 3.

## Plodding Along

# It was scarcely as delightful a day as a keenly developed blood lust might have demanded, this farewell of the season's first home stand, but in spite

exacting fan was privileged to see a whole lot for his money. One thing he saw which he is not likely to see again in a coon's age—a swamp coon, at that, and a swamp coon is supposed never to die—was the muffing of two easy pop flies in succession by a supposedly capable fielder. Fing Bodie, please write.

He saw, this exacting fan, some of the best and brightest third basing put on at a local lot in the last ten years, and in which Connie's young Thomas was entitled at least to a draw with the veteran, Home Run Baker. He saw the hustling and eager young Sammy Vick, for whom everybody is pulling hard, drive one on a line into the left field bleacher some twenty or twenty-five feet fair, as fine a production as the mighty Babe himself could ask. And he saw the Huggins men hammer away at right good will pitching of both starboard and port varieties.

Many Opportunities Lost

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Connie Mack's kied displayed in the face of adversity that spirit out of the opening game. It is expected that the capacity of Brush Stadium will be taxed for the début.

To be in keeping with the spirit of the times, the old custom of parading the ball players will be revived, and hefore the game the Gants, lead by the doughty John Joseph Mcuraw and followed by the Phillies, will parade across Henry Fabian's nicely ironed grass to the strain of martial music. President Charles A. Stoneham and Judge Francis X. McQuade are said also to be warming up for the grand march.

Robert Moran, president of the Board of Alderman, who hurled out the first bail for the Polo Grounds opening first bail for the Polo Grounds opening wey. He went about his work in masser out the SO S for Robert Shawer.

# Scange can catch, play third or the outfield. Barty can be outfield. Barty can be outfield. Barty can work at second or short. McInnis has played third as well as first. Cald well can pitch and play the outfield effectively. Here are six men on the club who can play two or more positions in janus. Played the control of rough luck without ever caving in, having handy replacements right up in the front line. Old Man Gavy Gavy Cravath was playing professional ball seventeen years ago, processing the control of the control of